

Syracuse VA Medical Center

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The Syracuse VA Medical Center, part of the VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York, is an acute care facility located at the geographic center of New York State. It is adjacent to State University of New York (SUNY) Upstate Medical University and Syracuse University.

The medical center provides acute medical and surgical services, acute mental health, rehabilitative medicine and intensive care. In addition, it has a 48-bed nursing home care unit that provides short-term transitional care.

The medical center offers a vast array of outpatient specialty services, in addition to primary care. Some of the

specialty services include emergency medicine, cardiology, hematology/oncology, women's health, geriatric medicine and behavioral health. Diagnostic services are equally extensive and include, state of the art angiography, nuclear medicine, MRI, and CT scan capability. Syracuse is a "Center of Excellence" for neurosurgery and urological renal stone treatment.

The research and development service at the Syracuse VA Medical Center supports a comprehensive

medical research program. Research studies include 95 protocols that focus on diabetes, motor control, drug dependence, schizophrenia, heart disease, liver disease, kidney disease, infectious diseases, cancer and leukemia, bladder disease, ulcer disease, and telemedicine. Annual funding totals more than \$2.5 million. The Research

Program is fully accredited by the National Commission of Quality Assurance (NCQA) and other bodies. The program maintains an ongoing relation-

ship with Clarkson University in the area of Rehabilitation Medicine. The research and development service at Syracuse is affiliated with the Central New York Research Corporation (CNYRC). The CNYRC is a not-for-profit research corporation that manages the non-VA research funds. Funding is derived



from such sources as the National Institutes of Health, charitable trusts and foundations, pharmaceutical companies, and medical equipment manufacturers.

The Syracuse VA Medical Center is academically affiliated with the SUNY Upstate Medical University. It provides education to medical students, residents and fellows. In addition, allied health professions such as radiology, medical technology, physical and occupational therapy are using the VA staff as their faculty for their programs. The Syracuse VA has eight affiliated nursing education programs and a physician assistant externship with LeMoyne

College. A long-standing educational partnership exists with Syracuse University where audiology, speech
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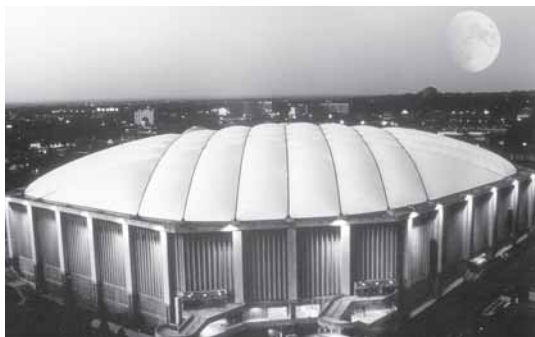
pathology and social work students receive their field experience at the VA. A "New Vision Program" has been in place for over 15 years, where high school students spend four hours a day, five days per week at VA, learning about health care delivery and potential careers.

The Syracuse VA Medical Center has eight community based outpatient clinics (CBOC), serving veterans in 18 counties in Central New York. Clinics have been established in Auburn, Binghamton, Carthage, Cortland, Ithaca, Massena, Oswego, and Rome. These VA outpatient clinics serve an integral role in the provision of expanded primary and preventive medical services.

The goal of the Syracuse VA Medical Center is to better coordinate functions and services to meet the needs of veterans. Syracuse VA Voluntary Service helps in this mission by promoting VA volunteerism, accepting monetary donations and goods from service organizations and the community at large.



Camping Oneida Shores



Syracuse University Carrier Dome



Balloon Fest



Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park

About Syracuse, New York

The deep historical roots of Central New York will intrigue you, while our rich tapestry of arts and culture will inspire you. Year round, outdoor enthusiasts travel hundreds of miles just to enjoy the natural wonders of the area. Fishing, camping, hiking, bicycling, boating, swimming, snowmobiling and skiing are just a few of the activities that are available in and around Syracuse. Syracuse is also home to the following professional sports: Syracuse Crunch Hockey franchise, Syracuse Sky Chiefs Baseball team, and the Syracuse University Orange, part of Big East sports.

Whether you're walking around the historic district of Armory Square, visiting the Syracuse Heritage Area Visitor Center at the Erie Canal Museum, exploring the Everson Museum of Fine Arts, or enjoying a special event at our award winning Oncenter complex, you will see that Syracuse is a special place.

Home to the New York State Fair since 1841, the fairgrounds are busy year-round. More than one million people visit Syracuse during the State Fair each year and during the rest of the year, the facility plays host to another million people for a variety of shows, concerts, educational events, expositions, conferences, conventions, reunions and much more.

On the shores of Onondaga Lake, Syracuse hosts beautiful scenery, dramatic seasons, and a number of attractions for the entire family.

